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Our Reference:  
FOI2020/13809  
Date:  
18 December 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2020 requesting the following information:

***"I have purchased an ex MOD Mercedes Sprinter Panel Van, and wish to register it with the DVLA They are requesting a MOD654 form, unfortunately the document has been lost and I need to replace it in order to register the vehicle.***

***Could please provide me with help on obtaining the document so I am able to complete the registration application The details of the vehicle are as follows  
Make & model: Mercedes Sprinter Model 416CDI Panel Van LWB VIN Number  
WDB 9046632R549141***

***Year of manufacture 2003"***

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held and can be found below.

I have contacted the Defence Equipment Sales Authority (DESA), which is able to provide documentation to allow registration of former MOD vehicles, however, it has no record of your vehicle and suspect that it was most likely leased to the MOD.

For your information, whilst the MOD, through the DESA, can provide documents for former MOD-owned vehicles, it is unable to provide documents for former lease vehicles. You may be interested to note there are two different categories of vehicles:

1. A former MOD-owned vehicle for which a MOD 654, issued by DESA, is required by the DVLA for licencing purposes: and
2. A former MOD lease hire vehicle for which a MOD 654-B, issued by the lease hire company, is required for licencing purposes.

DESA advise that you contact Babcock at the following link who may have more information to assist you:

[Road.Licensing@babcockinternational.com](mailto:Road.Licensing@babcockinternational.com) to obtain a MODFORM 654B.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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